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In re Patent Application of)
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Application No.: Divisional of 09/253,057) Examiner: Thompson, Jr. F.
Filed: February 9, 2001)
For: FACILITATING ELECTRONIC)
COMMERCE THROUGH A TWO-)
TIERED ELECTRONIC)
TRANSACTIONAL SYSTEM (*as*)
amended))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

In the Title

Please amend the title to read --FACILITATING ELECTRONIC COMMERCE THROUGH A
TWO-TIERED ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONAL SYSTEM--.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 11-50 as follows:

--11. A computer-implemented electronic transactional system

comprising:

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Cont.